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TO : Clarence M. Kelley, Director Federal Bureau of Investigation

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SUBJECT: Campaign Contributions Investigation - National Hispanic Finance Committee

During the course of our investigation into possible violations of 18 U.S.C. §§ 600, 599, 201, and 371, and the federal election laws, information has come to our attention which may constitute violations of these statutes.

On September 12, 1972 Charles Wallace, President of Wallace & Wallace Fuel Oil Co., Inc., Murdock Avenue, Hollis, New York 11412 (telephone: 464-3737; 212 - 464-3335), sent a letter and a questionnaire to government contractors who had obtained so-called 8(a) contracts, which are contracts set aside from the normal competitive bidding process for companies owned by members of minority groups. The letter urged the recipient to work for the re-election of the President. Attached to it was a letter to Mr. Wallace from the President indicating support for the 8(a) program. included with the letter was a questionnaire asking the recipient to indicate whether he would "get out and help the President be re-elected so that he can continue" the 8(a) program. We request the Bureau to interview Mr. Wallace to find out how it was that this letter came to be written; how the names of 8(a) contractors were obtained; who was shown or given access to the results of the questionnaires; and what was done as a result of those questionnaires. You should be advised that the questionnaires had an identifying number on them so that the identities of respondents were not secret. Bureau should pursue all reasonable investigative leads which arise from this request. autil 40 SAC GG DC

Urban Tech., Dallas, Texas. Rodriguez and Marumoto assisted this firm with a \$300,000 grant at the Department of Labor.

Mariscal and Associates, Los Angeles, California President, Bob Mariscal, Obtained a \$100,000 grant from OMBE in August, 1972.

Gilda Gjurich, Los Angeles, California. Was assisted in August, 1972 by Rodriguez in obtaining a contract from Department of Transportation. She also has alleged that Benjamin Fernandez offered to assist her in obtaining a contract if she would support the re-election of the President.

Nick Reyes and Associates, Washington, D. C. President, Nick Reyes. Marumoto recommended this firm for a \$50,000 contract at HUD over two other firms because Reyes had been helpful to Carlos Conde, an assistant at the White House to Herb Klein.

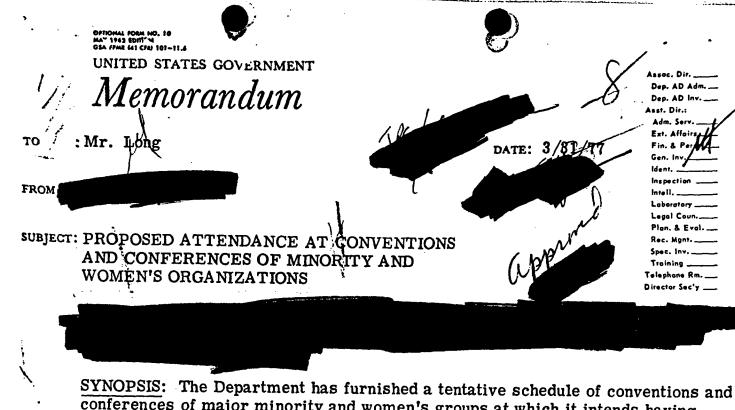
League of United Latin American Citizens. Houston, Texas (LULAC) President, Peter Villa. Obtained a large grant with the assistance of Marumoto and Rodriguez.

American G. I. Forum, Kansas City, Missouri, President, Joseph Juarez.

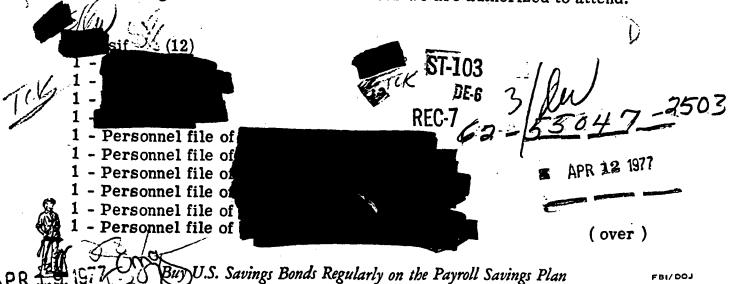
Miyarez. President, Marcellino

Jose Gomez of the National Economic Development Association (NEDA), 3807 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 700, Los Angeles, California attended a meeting in 1972 in Chicago with James Lynn then of the Department of Commerce, and two other representatives of NEDA. It has been alleged that NEDA was threatened with the loss of its Department of Commerce funds unless they supported the nomination of Cipriano Guerra for Deputy Director of the Office of Minority Business Enterprises. Mr. Gomez may also have information concerning a National Hispanic Finance Committee fund-raising dinner in Chicago in which some of the funds that were raised disappeared. interview Mr. Gomez about these two incidents. interview Mr. Lynn, / In connection with the Chicago dinner -

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conferences of major minority and women's groups at which it intends having representation and possibly displaying an exhibit. Each bureau and service is encouraged to likewise send representatives and join in the Department's exhibits in furtherance of Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) responsibilities. The FBI has in the past year, as in previous years, attended a variety of conventions, conferences and seminars such as the National Urban League, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, IMAGE, American G. I. Forum, League of United Latin American Citizens, Federally Employed Women and other community action organizations. We propose to recommend that we again attend the aforementioned conventions. Details concerning each conference are not yet final. Selection of personnel for these conventions is tentative as some of the events are scheduled five months in advance. Utilization of Inspector's has been coordinated with the and Planning and Inspection Division. In view of the number of such affairs and the necessity to make last minute arrangements, we further propose that the Assistant Director, Finance and Personnel Division, be authorized to approve final arrangements for those conferences we are authorized to attend.



Memorandum to Long
Re: PROPOSED ATTENDANCE AT CONVENTIONS
AND CONFERENCES OF MINORITY AND
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Albuquerque, New Mexico
August 10 - 14, 1977

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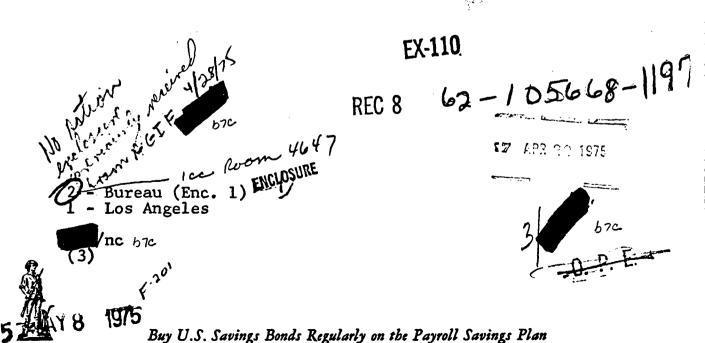
NATIONAL CONVENTION SPONSORED BY THE AMERICAN G. I. FORUM OF THE UNITED STATES 8/6-10/75_

CHEYENNE, WYOMING PUBLIC RELATIONS MATTER

OF BI Traveling Exhibits

Enclosed is copy of letter received by the Los Angeles Office from the American G. I. Forum regarding their 1975 National Convention in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Copy of letter is being furnished for Bureau's information as the Bureau may desire to participate in the United States Civil Service Commission workshop for Spanish Speaking Program coordinators.





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NATIONAL VETERANS FAMILY ORGANIZATION
POST OFFICE BOX 91054, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90009 / PHONE: (213) 672-0769

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Dear

Late last July, while billing our 1974 National Convention's exhibitors, scheduling information was provided regarding our 1975 National Convention in Cheyonno, Wyoming, and our 1976 one in Denver, Colorado (celebrating both the U.S. and Colorado hicentennia)

Dates for the 1975 National Convention in Cheyenne are August 6-10 at the Hitching Post Inn. The price for an 8'-by-10' exhibit will be \$475. (A discount may be arranged for payment in advance the Convention.)

We intend that the price cover roughly the same elements (part tions and drapery, table and two chairs, lettered sign identifying exhibitor, an electrical outlet, etc.) as in 1974. Final details with the decorator, and the drayage firm, are still pending and wibe forwarded as early as possible.

Setup of exhibits is scheduled for Wed., Aug. 6, and we understand that the U.S. Civil Service Commission will have a workshop for an estimated 300 federal Spanish Speaking Program Coordinators also there on that date. Main Convention activities are scheduled for the next three days, Aug. 7-9. Disassembly of exhibits will cour either late on Sat., Aug. 9, or the following morning.

Our National Chairman, Mr. Antonio G. Moreles, and Three works

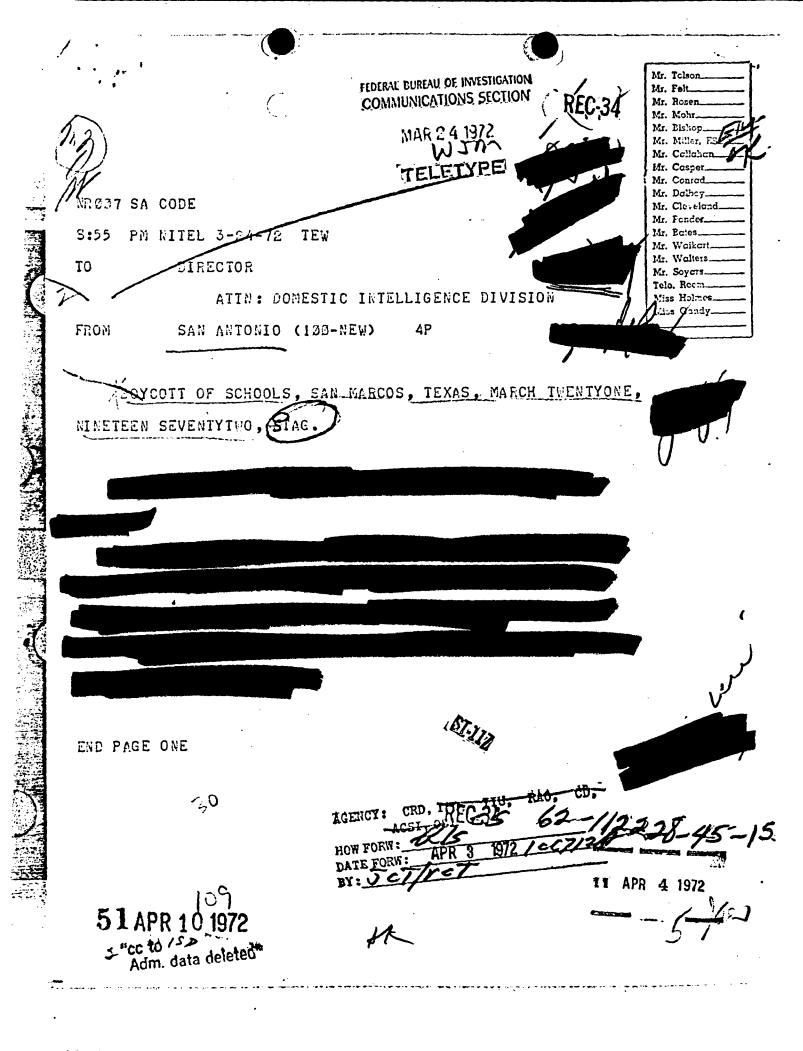
respondence directly to me, and I will mail contracts, agenda, re; tration materials, etc., as early as possible.

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Fenn Ellery

National Communications and Development Director

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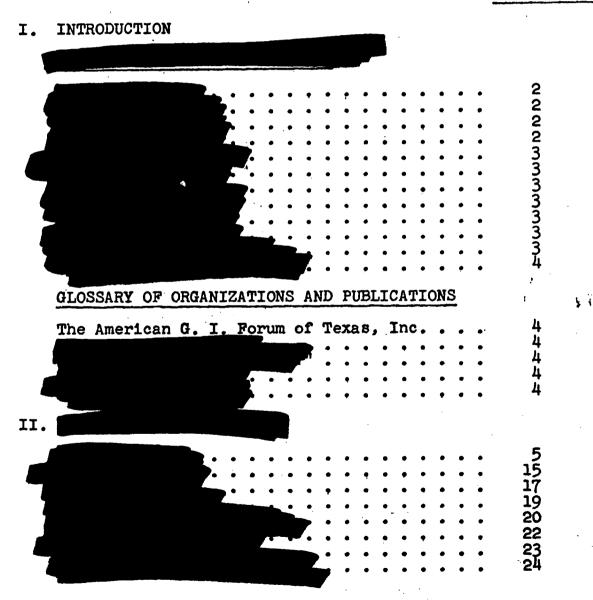
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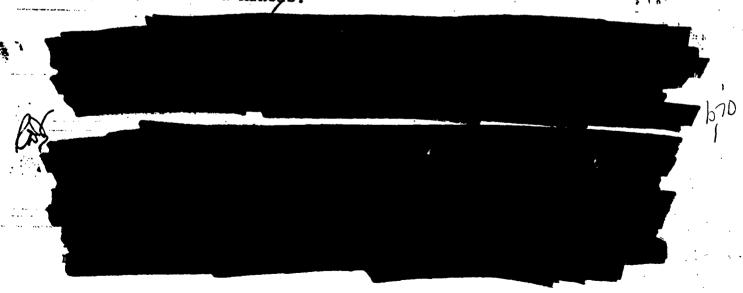
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GLOSSARY OF ORGANIZATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

THE AMERICAN G. I. FORUM OF TEXAS, INC., ? also known as GI Forum, American G. I. Forum (Dallas, Texas Chapter)

The Dallas Chapter of The American G. I. Forum of Texas, Inc., was organized at Dallas, Texas, on September 29, 1954. This group is composed principally of Mexican-American veterans who allegedly have banded together to stamp out discrimination against Mexican-Americans and to seek justice and equality for everyone. This organization is said to be non-political.

The American G. I. Forum of Texas, Inc., publishes a "News Bulletin" which discloses its headquarters to be at Austin, Texas, and enumerates local chapters of the organization in various towns in Texas, as well as chapters in New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona, Utah and Kansas.



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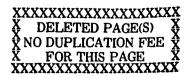




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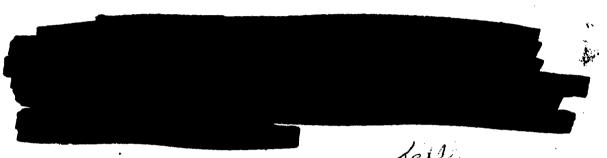
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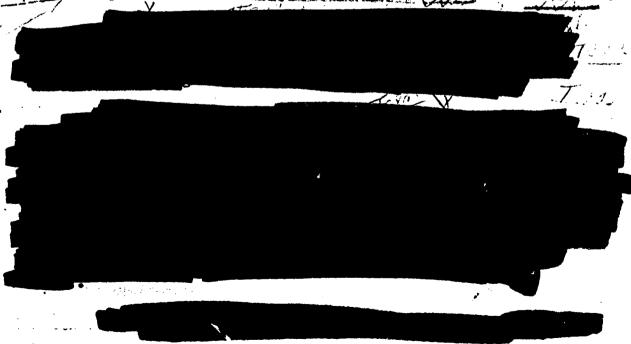


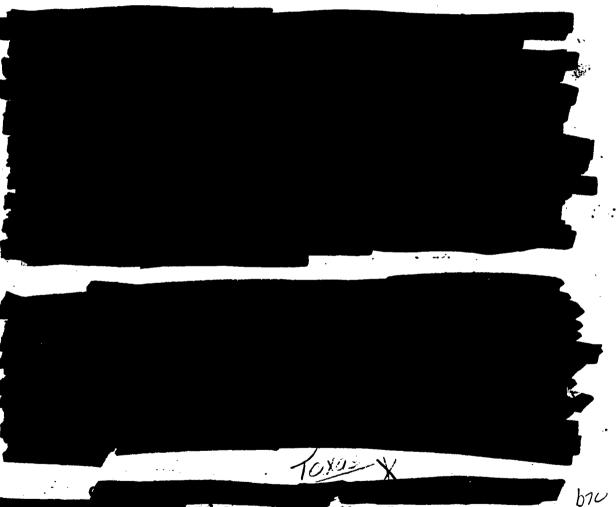
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Those present at the conference included members of the Mexican-American Political Association (MAPA), the Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan (Chicano Student Movement of Aztlan) (MECHA), and MAYA, as well as adult members of the community representing such organizations as the League of United Latin-American Citizens (LULAC) and GI Forum.

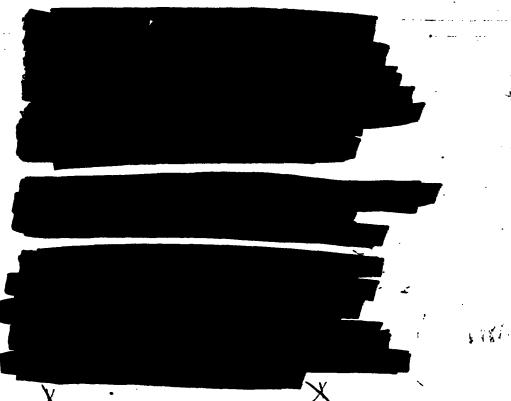




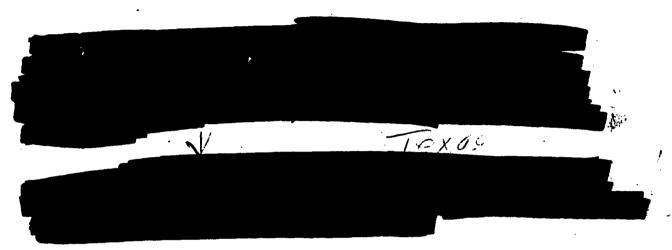
and a member of the GI Forum in El Paso, talked about the work which the GI Forum had been doing in the past. He talked about concessions which had been obtained from the Housing and Urban Development Agency of the Federal Government as a result of the work done by the GI Forum. He also

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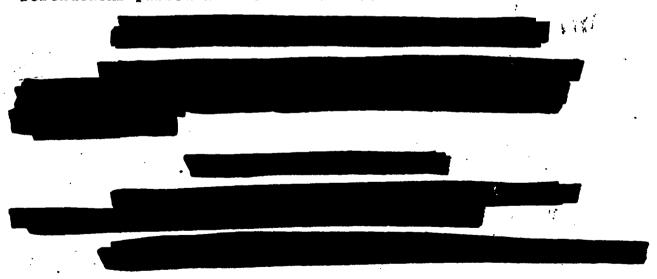
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The GI Forum, also known as the American GI Forum, is a national organization made up primarily of Mexican-American citizens which combats discrimination and attempts to resolve problems facing the Mexican-American people.



The GI Forum and LULAC were asked to pass resolutions sustaining and supporting the conference, but representatives of these two organizations indicated that they would be willing to support only some of the resolutions passed at the conference.



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II. ACTIVITIES IN THE AMERICAN GI FORUM

, advised that the Dallas Chapter of the American GI Forum (AGIF) is a chapter of the AGIF of Texas, Incorporated, with headquarters in Austin, Texas, which in turn is an affiliate of the AGIF of the United States, with headquarters in Corpus Christi, Texas.

described the AGIF as a veterans' organization comprised principally of Latin Americans. The AGIF, according to was founded for the purpose of furthering the rights of citizens of Latin American extraction in the United States.

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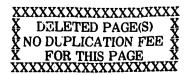




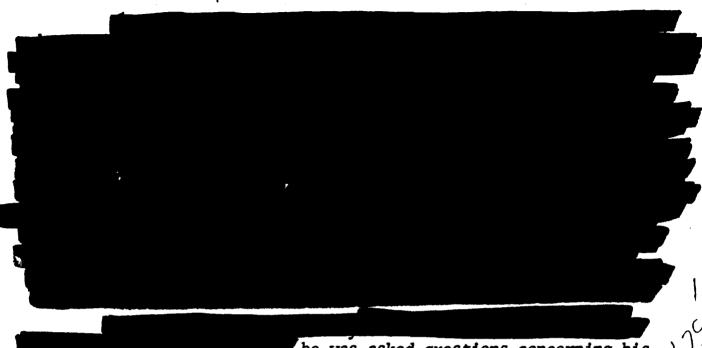
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he was asked questions concerning his membership in the American GI Forum. He stated there was no reason to believe the American GI Forum was not a legitimate organization because the Attorney General of the United States had delivered a speech at the Chicago convention of that organization. He said the radio, television, and news media referred to him as but did not mention his name, nor did they mention the American GI

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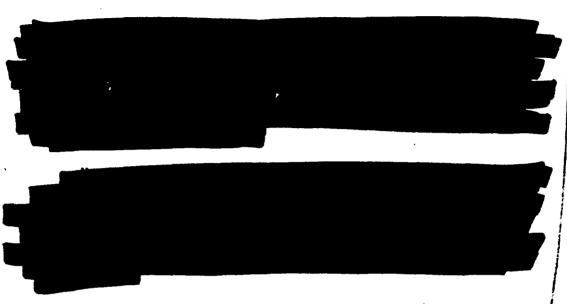
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"I am a white male, born at Dallas. Texas and presently reside at I am presently employed as

Prior to this employment

I was employed as

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"I have read this statement consisting of this page and two other pages, and have initialed each page and this statement ____ and correct to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/

"/s Special Agent, F.B.I.,
Dallas, Texas 3-25-64
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Special Agent, F.B.I.,
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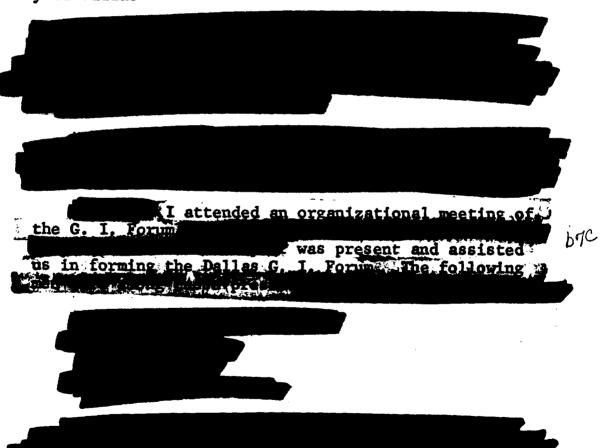
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In connection with the interview of on November 30, 1963, in which he stated he had been questioned by Dallas Police by On November 23, 1963, at which time a Secret Service man was present, advised during the interview on July 15, 1964, that he was interviewed on that date by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and police, and that no Secret Service man was present.

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"The State of Texas County of Dallas



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have been members of the G. I. Forum.

is no longer an active member.

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"Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of November A.D., 1963.

"/s/

"Added statement affirmed.

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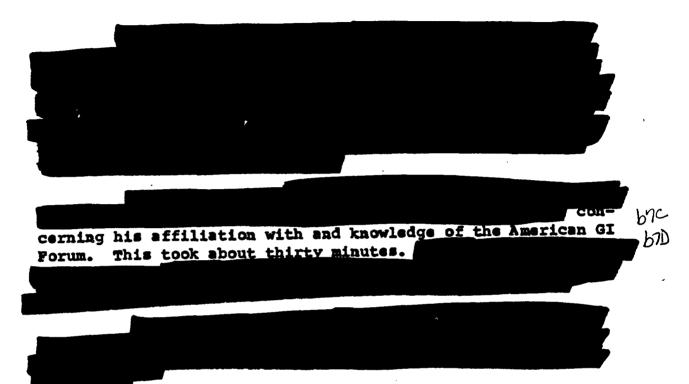
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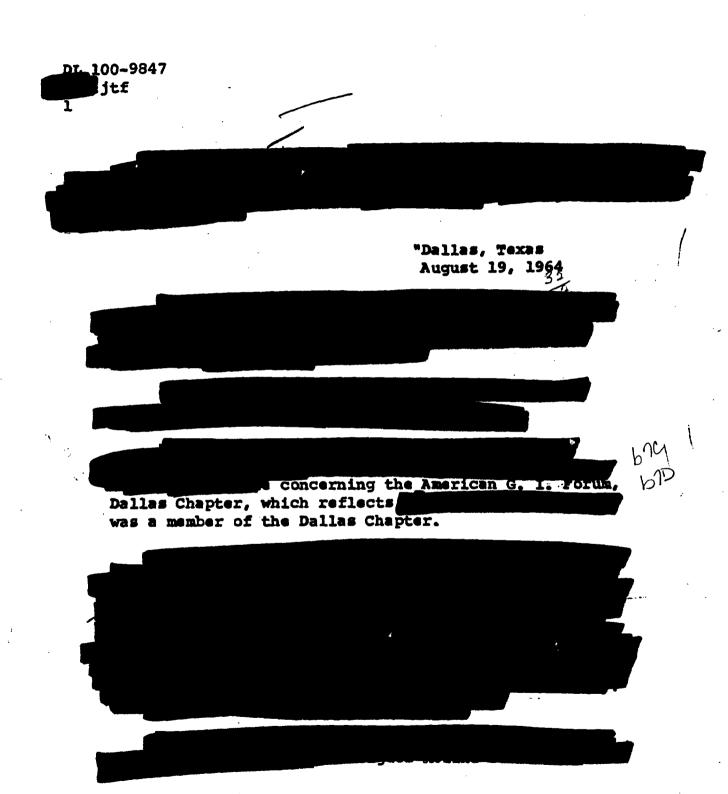
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Nothing was found except some papers concerning the American G. I. Forum. Among those papers was a 1958-59 yearbook of the American G. I. Forum which contained a list of names and addresses of members and officers of the Dallas Chapter of that organization.

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that chapter was organized in September, 1954.

Mothing was found in that search that established was a member of or active in any subversive organization.



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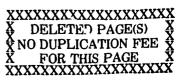




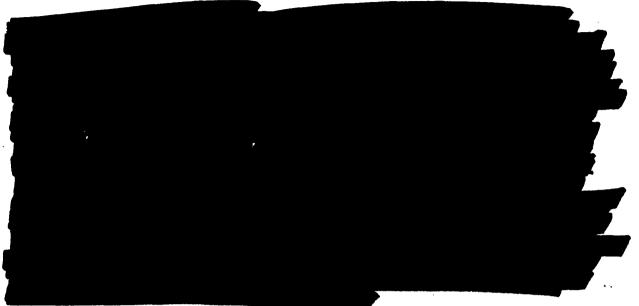
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He denied to her that he

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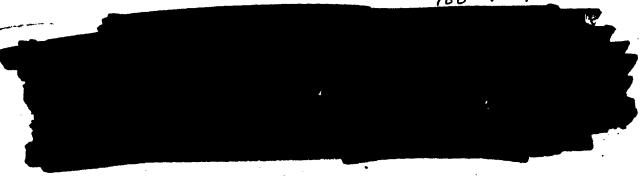


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It should be noted that on 5/25/61 a thumbnail sketch of the Dallas chapter of the American G. I. Forum was submitted to the Bureau. By letter, dated 6/7/61, the Bureau advised that the thumbnail sketch was not approved, as this organization is a legitimate organization, which at one time was infiltrated by Communist Party members. Accordingly, no characterization of the G. I. Forum is being included in the appendix pages of this report.



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Harvey Oswald Lee

In response to the requests in letters of reference closed two copies each of a report concerning dated August 30, 1964, at Dallas, Texas, bc I evaluation of same date relating to the sources concealed in the report. There are also enclosed two copies of a memorandum captioned "American GI Forum" dated August 25, 1964. REC- 60 105-82555

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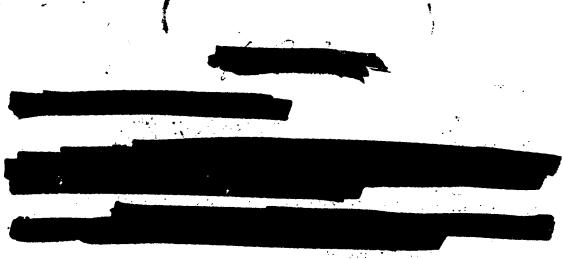
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He was associated from 1955 - 1963 with the Ballas Chapter of the American &I Forum, a veterans group comprised principally of Mexican-Americans. The parent bedy of the American &I Forum has since its inception been strongly anticommunist and, while from informant coverage we know the numbers of CP, WAA, in Ballas attempted to infiltrate the Ballas Chapter in 1955 and were successful in controlling that chapter for a brief period, there has been no reported CP infiltration of the chapter since 1956.

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educational facilities in general. Subsequently, several
chapters of this organization were formed in various states
primarily throughout the Southwest. (62-96541-5)

In the past communists have attempted to infiltrate a few chapters of the organization and the organization's intional chairman has circulated information to the various chapters warning members against communists and communist fronts and urging numbers to report any portinent information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Records of this Dureau contain no information to indicate that the national organization has ever been infiltrated or controlled by the Communist Party, URA, (62-96541-45)

Forum of Texas, Incorporated, an affiliate of the American GI Forum, was organized at Dalias, Texas. The Dalias Chapter was composed primarily of Mexican-American servicemen who reportedly banded together to stamp out discrimination of the Mexican-American people and to help these people in various other ways. The Communist Party stught to infiltrate this chapter at the time of its inception and for a brief period in 1965 controlled and dominated the Dalias Chapter. Subsequent to October, 1965, the Dalias Chapter continued to be infiltrated by a few communist members; however, me Communist Party control or infiltration of this chapter has been reported since Decumber, 1966. (62-96541-53)

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"Pueblo Star Journal," Pueblo, Colorado, daily newspaper issue of May 13, 1966, contained an article which,
stated a permit for a parade and peaceful demonstration
outside Pueblo City Hall was issued Friday by Chief of
Police Roy F. Harper, to representatives of the American
G. I. Forum. The Forum plans a motorcade, starting at
Walsenburg and proceeding to Colorado Springs and Denver
on Saturday. It will conclude at the State Capitol.

The article continued the Pueblo event will be from Noon to 1:00 p.m., and Chief Harper will be the principal target of the demonstration. He will be under fire, according to the sponsors of the demonstration, for "expressing discriminatory attitudes and prejudices against citizens of this community."

The Pueblo paraders will circle City Hall then hold their demonstration on the parking lot at the rear of the building. Speakers will include the State Chairman, Joe Herrera of Denver, State Officers of the G. I. Forum and Rudolph "Corky" Conzales of Denver.

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The article states Louis R. Trujillo, District 2
Chairman for the G. I. Forum said "We in the American G. I.
Forum do not advocate irresponsible actions, extremism or
segregation as many are led to believe, but we do believe,
as Americans, in exercising our God-given rights under the
Constitution of the United States, whenever it becomes necessary to correct deplorable conditions that must be brought
to public attention. We further believe that the rights
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"The Crusade Against Injustices has become a necessity and a reality and we can no longer tolerate or condone abusive attitudes and prejudices in this great country of ours."

The "Pueblo Star Journal" issue of June 10, 1956, described the American GI Forum as a veterans organization interested in citizenship, education and charity. Founded in 1948, the Forum has members located in nearly all communities having a concentration of Spanish-speaking residents.



It was observed at approximately 9:45 a.m., May 14, 1966, at Walsenburg, Colorado, that about 75 persons, principally of Spanish-American extraction, marched six abreast from First and Main Streets to the Huerfano County Court House, Walsenburg, Colorado. The march was led by about 20 men wearing American G. I. Forum caps. Signs carried included the following:

"HUMAN RELATIONS BOARD NEEDED IN WALSENBURG"

"WE'RE BEHIND YOU CORKY"

"TITLE I - PROGRAM MISUED"

"OUR VOTES HAVE BEEN TAKEN FOR GRANTED"

Several cars brought up the rear of the parade with banners "ON THE HISPANO MOVE," "CHICANO ON THE MOVE - CRUSADE FOR JUSTICE."

The meeting on the Huerfano County Court House lawn at Walsenburg lasted about fifteen minutes, with five speakers

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wearing G. I. Forum caps speaking through megaphones. They advocated more political recognition and more offices of the executive, legislative, city council, school board and mayorship type.

The meeting disbanded at about 10:30 a.m., with the entire proceedings being orderly and without incident.

At 10:50 a.m., a caravan of less than 20 automobiles left Walsenburg and arrived at Pueblo, Colorado, about 11:40 a.m., where several additional automobiles joined the caravan.

About 12:05 p.m., May 14, 1966, a parade of approximately 90 to 100 persons, carrying signs used at Walsenburg, marched twice around City Hall block and thereafter about six persons wearing American G. I. Forum caps, including Rudolph "Corky" Gonzales, lead a chant "Harper must go." They carried the following additional signs:

"CHIEF OF POLICE HARPER MUST GO"

"REMOVE HARPER"

".HISTICE DELAYED IS JUSTICE DENIED"

"INVESTIGATE CHIEF HARPER. HE MUST GO"

They then made speeches advocating more recognition and better jobs. The Pueblo meeting was orderly with no incidents. One speaker expressed disappointment with the small Pueblo turnout, noting Pueblo has 40,000 Spanish-Americans.

The caravan left Pueblo at approximately 12:53 p.m.

It was observed that about 100 individuals gathered in front of the Denver City Hall, Denver Civic Center, on Saturday, May 14, 1966, at 3:45 p.m. Several individuals stood on the steps of City Hall and gave short speeches concerning the history of Spanish-American people in Colorado and demanding equal opportunities for Spanish-American people. The crowd increased to approximately 150 by 5:00 p.m., at which time all participants left the area.

A Denver Police Department official advised on May 14, 1966, that the Denver Police Department had originally planned to escort the motorcade from Pueblo to Civic Center

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from the Denver City limits, however only 25 automobiles were involved and the escort was cancelled. He advised no incidents occurred at the demonstration.

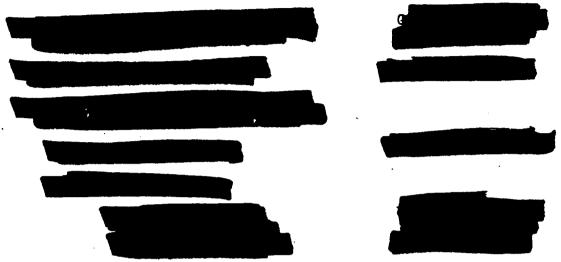
"Denver Post," Denver daily newspaper issue of May 15, 1966, contained an article which stated about 70 members of the American G. I. Forum visited three Colorado cities Saturday in a "crusade for justice." A motorcade of 28 automobiles left Denver at 6:00 a.m., and drove to Walsenburg where they picketed the County Court House to protest alleged inequalities in the County School System. They then went to Pueblo where they demonstrated near the Police Building, asking the ouster of Chief of Police Roy Harper for alleged discrimination against Spanish surnamed people. At 3:40 p.m., the group was back in Denver where they picketed in front of City Hall, demanding equal opportunities. The day's crusade ended at a dinner dance at Our Lady of Guadalupe Hall where Rudolph "Corky" Gonzales delivered the main speech.

"Rocky Mountain News" issue of May 15, 1966, stated Rudolph "Corky" Gonzales on Eaturday delivered a short talk to the American G. I. Forum headed by his nephew, Joe Herrera, at the City and County Building, Denver. Gonzales was quoted as saying in his speech "We're not going to antagonize anybody."

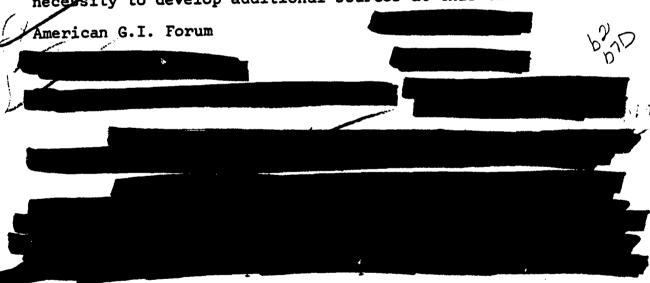
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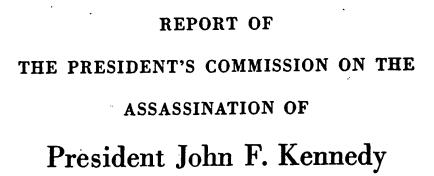




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• The correct transcript of the press conference, taken from an audio tape supplied by station WBAP, Fort Worth, is as follows:

A. [Wade] A lady. He then—the bus, he asked the bus driver to stop, got off at a stop, caught a taxicab driver.

Q. Where?

A. In Oak Cliff. I don't have the exact place—and went to his home in Oak Cliff, changed his clothes hurriedly and left.²⁴²

In this manner, a section of Dallas, "Oak Cliff," became a nonexistent taxicab driver, "Darryl Click." Wade did not mention the cabdriver by name at any time. In transcribing the conference from the sound tape, a stenographer apparently made an error that might have become permanently imbedded in the literature of the event but

for the preservation and use of an original sound tape.

Though many of the inaccuracies were subsequently corrected by the police and are negated by findings of the Commission included elsewhere in this report, the publicizing of unchecked information provided much of the basis for the myths and rumors that came into being soon after the President's death. The erroneous disclosures became the basis for distorted reconstructions and interpretations of the assassination. The necessity for the Dallas authorities to correct themselves or to be corrected by other sources gave rise not only to criticism of the police department's competence but also to doubts regarding the veracity of the police. Skeptics sought to cast doubt on much of the correct evidence later developed and to find support for their own theories in these early police statements.

The immediate disclosure of information by the police created a further risk of injuring innocent citizens by unfavorable publicity. This was the unfortunate experience of Joe R. Molina, a Dallas-born Navy veteran who had been employed by the Texas School Book Depository since 1947 and on November 22, 1963, held the position of credit manager. Apparently because of Molina's employment at the Depository and his membership in a veterans' organization, the American G.I. Forum, that the Dallas police considered possibly subversive, Dallas policemen searched Molina's home with his permission, at about 1:30 a.m., Saturday, November 23. During the day Molina'was intermittently interrogated at police headquarters for 6 or 7 hours, chiefly about his membership in the American G.I. Forum, and also about Oswald. He was never arrested, charged, or held in custody.²⁴³

While Molina was being questioned, officials of the police department made statements or answered questions²⁴⁴ that provided the basis for television reports about Molina during the day. These reports spoke of a "second suspect being picked up," insinuated that the Dallas police had reason to suspect another person who worked in the Texas School Book Depository, stated that the suspect had been arrested and his home searched, and mentioned that Molina may have

been identified by the U.S. Department of Justice as a possible subversive.24

No evidence was ever presented to link Molina with Oswald except as a fellow employee of the Texas School Book Depository. According to Molina, he had never spoken to Oswald.246 The FBI notified the Commission that Molina had never been the subject of an investigation by it and that it had never given any information about Molina to the Dallas police concerning any alleged subversive activities by him.247 The Dallas police explained in a statement to the FBI that they had never had a file on Molina, but that they did have one on the American G.I. Forum. 248

Molina lost his his job in December. He felt that he was being discharged because of the unfavorable publicity he had received, but officials of the Depository changed that automation was the reason. Molina testified that he had difficulty in finding another position, until finally, with the help of a fellow church member, he secured a

position at a lower salary than his previous one.249

If Oswald had been tried for his murders of November 22, the effects of the news policy pursued by the Dallas authorities would have proven harmful both to the prosecution and the defense. The misinformation reported after the sheetings might have been used by the defense to cast doubt on the reliability of the State's entire case. Though each inaccuracy can be explained without great difficulty, the number and variety of misstalements issued by the police shortly after the assassination would have greatly assisted a skillful defense attorney attempting to influence the attitudes of jurors.

A fundamental objection to the news policy pursued by the Dallas police, however, is the extent to which it endangered Oswald's constitutional right to a trial by an impartial jury. Because of the nature of the crime, the widespread attention which it necessarily received, and the intense public feelings which it aroused, it would have been a most difficult task to select an unprejudiced jury, either in Dallas or elsewhere. But the difficulty was markedly increased by the divulgence of the specific items of evidence with which the police linked Oswald to the two killings. The disclosure of evidence encouraged the public, from which a jury would ultimately be impaneled, to prejudge the very questions that would be raised at trial.

Moreover, rules of law might have prevented the prosecution from presenting portions of this evidence to the jury. For example, though expressly recognizing that Oswald's wife could not be compelled to testify against him, District Attorney Wade revealed to the Nation that Marina Oswald had affirmed her husband's ownership of a rifle like that found on the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository. Curry stated that Oswald had refused to take a lie detector test, although such a statement would have been inadmissible in a rial.251 The exclusion of such evidence, however, would have been meaningless if jurors were already familiar with the same facts from previous television or newspaper reports. Wade might have influenced prospective jurors by his mistaken statement that

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